I. AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please replace claims 1, 10 and 56 with the following amended claims:

1. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A table saw comprising:

a base;

a first table mounted to the base, wherein the first table has a first surface defining a plane;

a second table;

first and second rails having first and second ends, wherein the rails are slidably mounted to the first table and the second ends are rigidly mounted to the second table such that the second table is slidably movable relative to the first table;

a locking mechanism connected to at least one of the first or second table, the locking mechanism including a locked position in which the second table is locked relative to the first table, and an unlocked position in which the second table is movable relative to the first table; and

the locking mechanism including a lever that extends from the plane when in the unlocked position.

10. (AMENDED) The table saw according to claim 9, wherein the lever is connected to the cam, and wherein the cam is connected to opposing first and second clamping rods, the clamping rods being engagable with the first and second rails to lock the second table in any position relative to the first table when the lever is in a locked position.

6. (AMENDED) A table saw comprising:

a base;

- a first table mounted to the base, wherein the first table includes a first surface defining a plane;
- a second table movable relative to the first table;
- a locking mechanism connected to at least one of the first or second table, the locking mechanism having locked and unlocked positions, wherein the locked position fixes the second table relative to the first table movable, and the unlocked position allows the second table to move relative to the first table; and

the locking mechanism including a lever that extends from the plane in the unlocked position.

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II. VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

- 1. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A table saw comprising:
 - a base;
 - a first table mounted to the base, wherein the first table has a first surface defining a plane;
 - a second table;
 - first and second rails having first and second ends, wherein the rails are slidably mounted to the first table and the second ends are rigidly mounted to the second table such that the second table is slidably movable relative to the first table;
 - a locking mechanism connected to at least one of the first or second table, the locking mechanism including a locked position in which the second table is locked relative to the first table, and an unlocked position in which the second table is movable relative to the first table; and
 - [a lever attached to] the locking mechanism including a lever that [such that the lever] extends from the plane when in the unlocked position.
- 10. (AMENDED) The table saw according to claim 9, wherein the lever is connected to the cam, and wherein the cam is connected to opposing first and second clamping rods, the clamping rods being engagable with the first and second rails to lock the second table in any position relative to the first table when [a] the lever [connected to the cam] is in a locked position.

- 56. (AMENDED) A table saw comprising:
 - a base;
 - a first table mounted to the base, wherein the first table includes a first surface defining a plane;
 - a second table movable relative to the first table;
 - a locking mechanism connected to at least one of the first or second table, the locking mechanism having locked and unlocked positions, wherein the locked position fixes the second table relative to the first table movable, and the unlocked position allows the second table to move relative to the first table; and
 - [a lever attached to] the locking mechanism <u>including a lever that</u> [such that the lever] extends from the plane in the unlocked position.